

Wednesday Evening ~~Dec 7th~~ Dec 7th 1859

In consequence of no quorum having met by 7.30 P.M. the meeting stands adjourned, untill Wednesday next the 14th inst.

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~~A Quorum of the Committee not having arrived the ^{meeting} stands adjourned untill Wednesday the 21st inst.~~

Monday Evening Dec 19th 1859.

At a meeting of the Committee specially summoned, His Honour the President of the Institute in the Chair: it was resolved that this Committee do hereby approve of the Officers having called this meeting. A letter from Mr. W. Wilson Secretary to the managing committee of the Town Hall was read and considered.

Resolved. That on the ground of expediency the request contained in Mr. Wilson's letter be complied with.

The following is a copy of the letter above referred to.

Christchurch Dec 19th 1859.

To the Secretary of the Christchurch Mechanics Institute.

Sir

The Brethren of the Christchurch Masonic Lodge of Free and accepted Masons have made a very urgent application for the use of the Town Hall on the Evening of St John's day

the 27th inst.

1st On the ground that it is the usual Masonic festival and cannot well be deferred

2nd On the further ground that the proposed Ball is intended to do honour to His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand who is expected to attend be present.

I have duly laid the application before the Managing Committee of the Town Hall who direct me to enquire whether the Committee of the Christ-Church Mechanics Institute could conveniently adjourn the Rev^d. Charles Alabaster's Lecture advertised for that evening untill Thursday Friday or Saturday evening of the same week

The Managing Committee of the Hall are anxious to accomodate the Free Masons if possible and would therefore regard this concession as a particular favour provided it can be made without much inconvenience either to the Rev^d. M. Alabaster or the Committee of the Institute.

I have the honour to be Sir your O^b. Serv^t

Yours

W. Wilson

Secretary to the Managing Committee

Resolved on the Motion of the Rev^d. Chas Frazer. That the Managing Committee of the Mechanics Institute regret that the next lecture of the Rev^d. C. Alabaster's is unavoidably postponed, at the urgent request of the Committee of the Town Hall preferred to them, in order to make way for the Masonic Ball at which His Excellency the Governor is expected to attend.